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Dear Mr. Sizoo:

I dont know if any cotton has been taken with respect to our falling behind on the guided missiles and other such projects.

At any rate, I think a bit of background may be of some assistance to the Bureau.

After World War II a whole group of Nazi scientists were imported and put in charge of missile development. Werner von Braun was an old Hitler pet. He designed the rockets which made such a shambles of English cities.

Several weeks ago Time Magazine carried a jeering and nauseating half german half english little poem which the X-german scientists wrote in their U.S. headquarters. I have not clipped it regrettably, but I am sure you have complete files of Time Magazine.

This appeared before the appearance of Sputnik I. At about the same time ALL THE NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS in PHYSICS of West Germany visited Dr. Adenauer and told him that they will NOT COOPERATE ON ANY NUCLEAR WEAPON OR CARRIER OR AND ANY RESEARCH. This was reported in every paper in the U.S.A.

There can be no question about von Braun and Company having contact with these men in Germany, as they are if anything far more experienced and intelligent than von Braun. It is my personal opinion that NO GERMAN will truly cooperate with the United States in developing a weapon which may be helpful to us.

In a reverse situation, no American would cooperate with Hitler on important weapons which should be considered by those who place former Nazis in leading positions.

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No sooner than Sputnik II orbited, all our newspapers carried a story about Von Braun, how he was picked up by an American G.I. in Berchtesgaden, taken to a C.P. and cleared to come and work here because he stated that "next time I want to be on the winning side."

The Time Magazine poem by his crew outraged me when I read it, as I realized the impertinent, arrogant jeering snor in which it was written.

Now I am completely convinced that he and his men are of the Glenn Fuchs stripe, far more impressed by the communists who kick them around than by us who permitted them to fritter away time and billions only to come up with nothing.

Best regards from both of us.

Sincerely,

(s) Elizabeth Campbell Lewis

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